Our plan for the Better Care Fund

This easy read booklet tells you about East Riding of Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board’s plan for the Better Care Fund. March 2015
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The Better Care Fund is a pot of money that is used to make sure health and social care services work together.

It does this by helping NHS and councils work closely together and put the people who use services at the centre of their work.

**Our vision for health and social care services**

We want to make sure that health and social care services work closely together to help people in East Riding get Better Care.
This means that everyone needs to work differently to make sure this happens. This includes patients, carers, members of the public and health and social care professionals.

Our plan for better health and social care services has come from our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) looks at the health needs of people in East Riding of Yorkshire. It looks at what is happening now and helps us to plan health services for the future.

East Riding’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) tells us that there are three areas of health and social care services we need to look at.
These are:

1. Health Services for older people.

2. Health Inequalities – this is when some people do not get as good healthcare as other people.

3. Mental and physical health for children and young people.

East Riding of Yorkshire Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have said this plan is OK.
Over the past year we have worked closely with patients, carers, members of the public and health and social care professionals to look at our plan (vision) to get the best health and social care services for people in East Riding.

Our plan looks at 4 main things. We want:

1. **People to have more power and control over their own health and care** - Health and social care services will support this work. They will help people to think about their health and care needs and offer support and services to help people know how to stay well.

2. **Services to be run in the local community** – More health and social care services will be run in the local community.
3. Health and social care services to work together locally with patients and local communities through a Hub so they know what people need – Local hubs will break down barriers so that people get the service they need at the time they need it, not just when they are in crisis.

4. Hospital services with expert help to work alongside community services – Only people who have complex health and care needs or ill patients who need expert help will use hospital services.

We think that these ideas will make a big difference to the lives of people in East Riding of Yorkshire and give people the best health and social care services locally.
But to be able to do this we need to make sure that health and social care services work closely together.

The case for change – Why we need to do this and what we need to do

There are lots of health and social care services in East Riding of Yorkshire. Some of these services are spread across the county.

In the past health and social care teams have not worked closely together. This has meant that lots of people only get a service when they are in a crisis. This needs to change.

We have looked at lots of information about health and social care services to see what needs to change in the future to make these services work better.
We want to make sure health and social care services move away from hospitals and nearer to where people live.

**To do this we will need to:**

1. Make services easier to access and use.

2. Make sure health and social care services work closely with primary care services. This means GPs and other community services.

3. Make sure services for people with complex needs, social care and mental health work as a big team.

4. Make sure these big teams have support from medical services.
5. Make sure there are other services for people so they do not have to go to hospital.

6. Look at different types of support and different ways we can pay for health and social care services.

7. Make sure the local community have the power to help make services better.

To be able to do these things we need to make sure that there are local teams spread across East Riding of Yorkshire that can offer health and social care services 24/7.
Plan of Action

We have looked at what needs to happen over the next year and have written a plan to say how we will do this.

The plan looks at what we will do, who will do it and when it should be done by. This will help us meet our targets and deliver good services to the people of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Our main target is to make sure people are not admitted to hospital if they don’t need to be and that more people get the care and treatment they need closer to home.

We have set up a Better Care Fund Board to make sure the plan will happen. The Health and Wellbeing Board will check that the Better Care Fund Board are doing their job and that the plans are working well.

Risks

East Riding of Yorkshire CCG, Vale of York CCG and the Local Council work closely together to make sure health and social care organisations are included in decisions and plans.
Together we have looked at our plans for the Better Care Fund and the things that could go wrong (these are called risks).

We have thought about what we can do to make these risks less likely to happen and what we can do if things go wrong.

**How Better Care fits with other plans.**

Better Care works well with all of our future plans.

The Better Care Fund Plan supports the work of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategic Plan and is also included in all of our joint plans with the local council for health and social care.
East Riding Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) think that this will help to make sure services are more accessible and person centred.

How we make sure our services work to what the Government says.

We need to make sure that adult social care services in East Riding of Yorkshire still get the funding they need to support the local community.

We need to make sure our services do what the law says. The Care Act is a new law for everyone. This law may mean that more people get health and social care support.

We have set up a board called the Care Act Executive Board to look at this new law and to make sure our services are doing what they should.
What people have told us about the Better Care Fund

We want to make sure that people who use services and their carers are at the centre of our services. People have told us that this is very important.

We spoke to lots of people about our Better Care Fund Plan. We ran lots of workshops, presentations, spoke to people on the telephone and put a form on our website so that people across East Riding of Yorkshire could tell us what they thought of our plans.

People told us that they want their care to be built around what they need, and that this should be at home or at a place near to their home.

We ran workshops with local groups and organisations to find out what they thought of our plans. We have used lots of the things people and organisations have told us to write our Better Care Fund Plan.